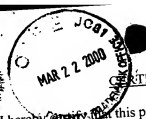


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period of time in which to file the Brief On Appeal be extended three months, up to and including March 22, 2000, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0005 in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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